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ABSOLUTE POWER TIE-IN

GREEN LANTERN

HAL
JORDAN?

☒ CHECK

ADAMS
PASARIN
ALBERT
FAJARDO JR.

WALLER'S
WEAPON STASH?

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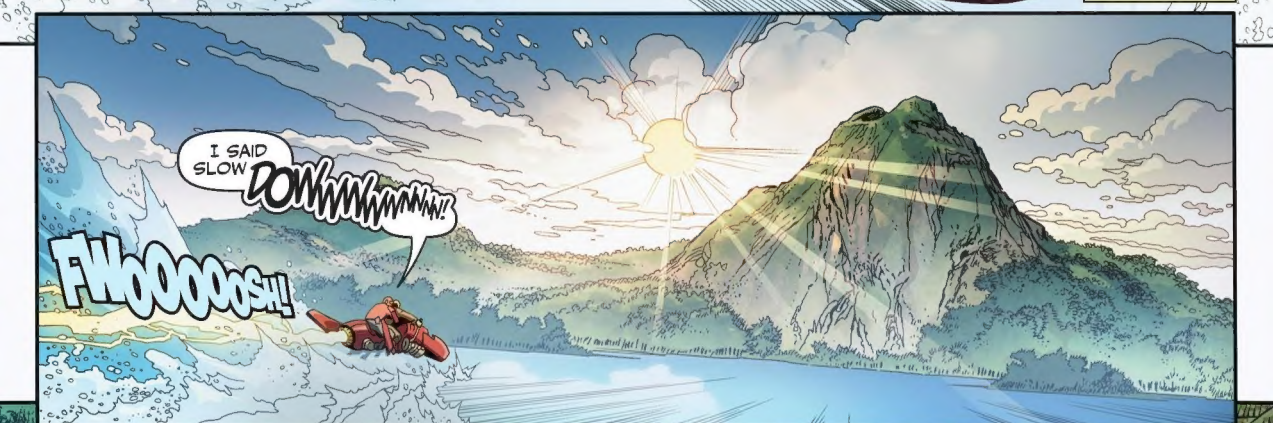
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GREG SMALLWOOD



HEROES YOU KNOW
WORLDS YOU DON'T







DUDE...

WALLY, LET
ME INTRODUCE
YOU TO THE
BATWOLF.

AMANDA WALLER HAS WON. A PLANETWIDE BLITZKRIEG HAS ROBBED THE WORLD'S METAHUMANS OF THEIR SUPERPOWERS AND RESOURCES. THOSE FEW WHO HAVE THUS FAR EVADED CAPTURE ARE FUGITIVES ON THE RUN, HUNTED MERCILESSLY BY TASK FORCE VII, A REGIMENT OF UNSTOPPABLE AMAZONS BUILT BY WALLER'S ALLIES, FAILSAFE AND THE BRAINIAC QUEEN.

**ABSOLUTE
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IT'S SUPERSONIC, STEALTH CAPABLE... HONESTLY, IT'S ONE OF THE BEST PLANES I'VE EVER FLOWN.

BUT... ITS FLIGHT TIME IS PRETTY DIMINISHED...

BUT?

...PLUS...IF YOU ACCELERATE TOO FAST IT MAKES THIS WEIRD NOISE AND...IT KINDA EXPLODES.



EXPLODES?

LUCKILY, FOR THE FIRST COUPLE OF VERSIONS I HAD MY RING TO PROTECT ME...

BUT YOUR RING IS DEPOWERED!



THEN I'M GLAD YOU GAVE ME THIS HANDY-DANDY BOMBER JACKET WITH BUILT-IN SHIELDING.*

I SHOULD BE GOOD!

AND BATMAN'S OKAY WITH THIS?

*BOMBER JACKET? SEE AP #3!



WHAT BATMAN DOESN'T KNOW WON'T HURT HIM.

BUT... BATMAN KNOWS EVERYTHING...



ALL RIGHT, HAL. GET THE TECH, FLY OFF TO RECHARGE YOUR RING, AND THEN FIND CAROL AND PRAY SHE'S OKAY...

LONG STORY, BABS, BUT YOUR BOY NIGHTWING NEEDED SOMEONE TO INFILTRATE THE HALL OF ORDER TO RETRIEVE SOME DATA FILES...

HAL...WHY AM I GETTING AN ALERT THAT YOU'VE ENTERED HANGAR X?



AND YOU'RE USING THE PROTOTYPE JET THAT TENDS TO EXPLODE IN MIDAIR TO DO IT?

IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE OF OUTRUNNING THOSE BOTS WALLER HAS FLYING AROUND.

I'M SORRY, HAL. IT'S TOO DANGEROUS. NIGHTWING SAYS I SHOULD SHUT IT DOWN AND--

HAL...DID YOU DEACTIVATE THE KILL SWITCH?

YOU KNOW, YOU AND BRUCE ARE SO STRATEGIC IT KINDA MAKES YOU PREDICTABLE. SEE YOU ON THE FLIP SIDE. HAL JORDAN OUT!



WRRRRRRRRRRRR!









I FIGURE
I CAN TAKE YOU
BACK TO MY FRIENDS.
THEY'RE HIDING OUT
IN THE TOWER
OF FATE.

FATE? NO...
I CAN'T...CAN'T
GO THERE.



ARE YOU
OKAY?

NO...I'M
NOT...NONE OF
US ARE. HAWK IS...
AND THE LORDS OF
ORDER AND CHAOS
ARE QUIET. IT'S
USELESS. IT'S ALL
SO USELESS!

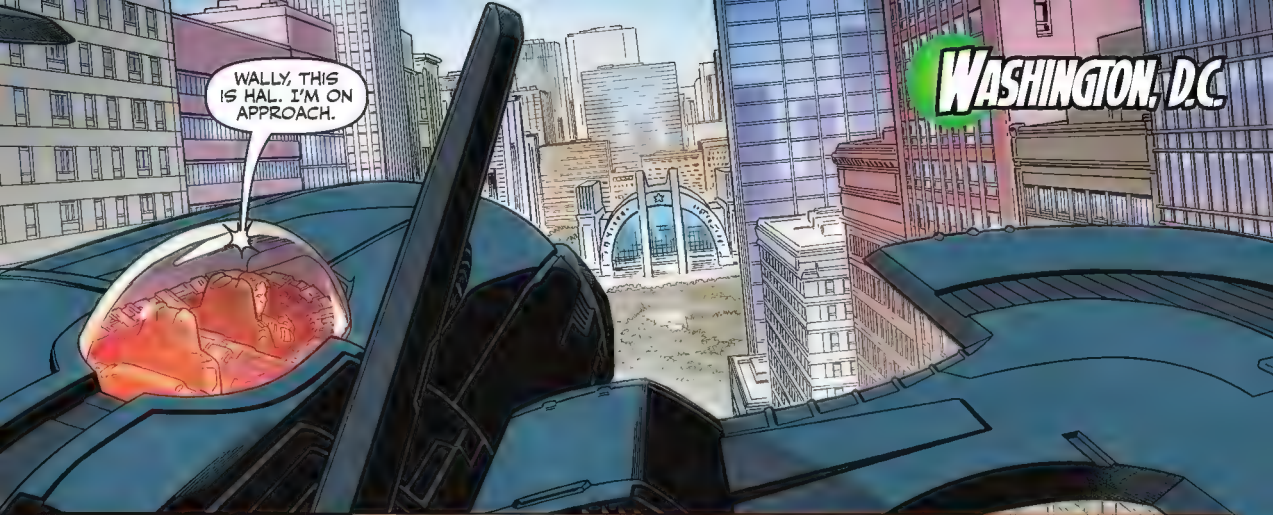


I SHOULD
HAVE ENDED IT
WHEN I HAD THE
CHANCE! NOW YOU
HAVE TO DO IT.
YOU HAVE TO
KILL ME!

STOP!
WHAT'S GOING
ON WITH YOU?

SHE HAS
DISCOVERED THE
TRUTH. THAT NOTHING
MATTERS...EVERYTHING
IS MEANINGLESS AND
THE WORLD IS
DRAPED IN...





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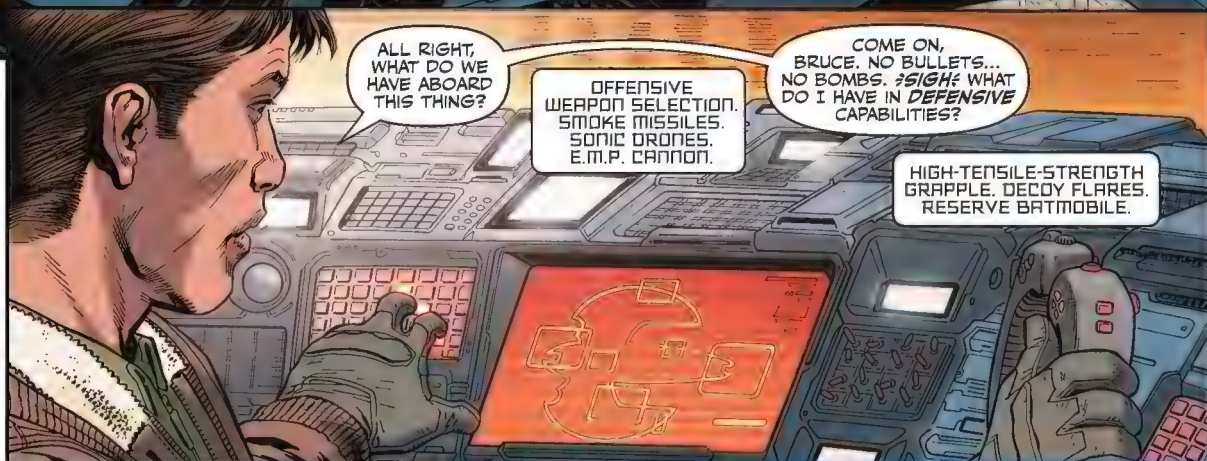
WALLY, THIS IS HAL. I'M ON APPROACH.

ALL RIGHT, WHAT DO WE HAVE ABOARD THIS THING?

OFFENSIVE WEAPON SELECTION.
SMOKE MISSILES.
SONIC DRONES.
E.M.P. CANNON.

COME ON, BRUCE. NO BULLETS... NO BOMBS. *SIGH* WHAT DO I HAVE IN DEFENSIVE CAPABILITIES?

HIGH-TENSILE-STRENGTH GRAPPLE. DECOY FLARES. RESERVE BATMOBILE.



OKAY... HUH...

I'M ALMOST THERE. ANY IDEA HOW YOU'RE GOING TO GET IN?

YEAH...I THINK I DO, WALLY. BUT YOU MIGHT WANT TO STAY BACK A MOMENT...THIS IS GOING TO GET MESSY.



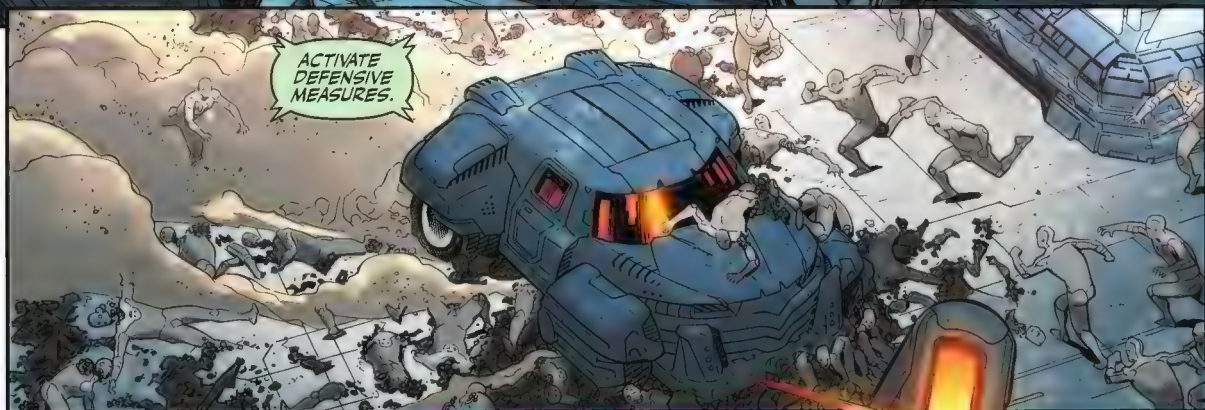
ACTIVATE BATMOBILE RELEASE.

CONFIRM.



HIT'S AWAY!







HAL... WE
HAVE A MAJOR
PROBLEM.



ORGANIC
COUNTERMEASURES
DEPLOYED PER BRAINIAC
QUEEN'S DIRECTION.
MAJOR FORCE STANDING
BY FOR ADDITIONAL
ORDERS.



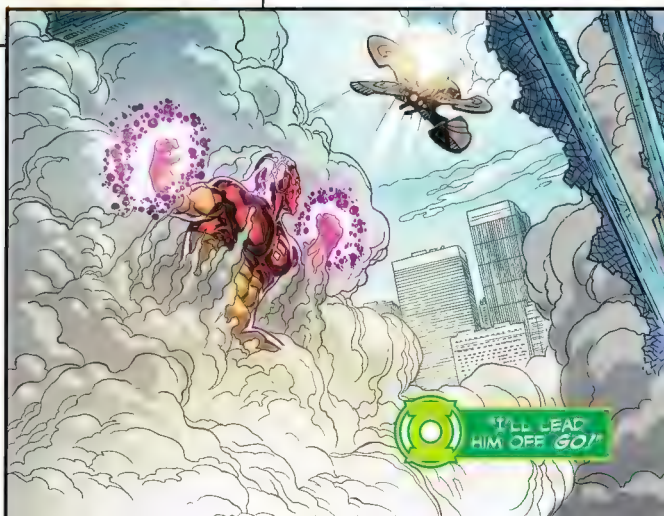
KABOOM!



I HIT HIM
WITH A BAT-MISSILE...
WHICH MEANS IT'S ONLY
FILLED WITH SMOKE.

TIME
TO LEAVE,
WALLY!

WHAT
ABOUT
YOU?

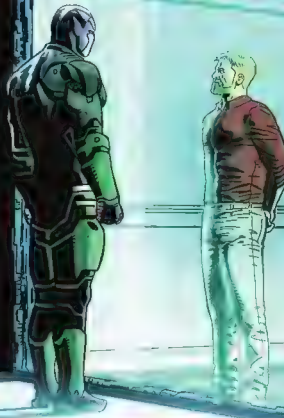


"I'LL LEAD
HIM OFF GO!"

THE ISLAND NATION OF GAMORRA.

You have posed many interesting variables, Alan Scott.

This energy...this "Starheart" has given me the ability to think beyond my programming. To choose life...or death. But why should I not choose death?



BECAUSE...JADESTONE... I BELIEVE YOU HAVE A PURPOSE. MEANING. IF YOU CHOOSE TO JUST BE A MACHINE OF DESTRUCTION, YOU WILL INEVITABLY BE DESTROYED. DESTRUCTION BEGETS DESTRUCTION. BUT...



Alternatives?

How will I know where this "meaning" lies?

IF YOU CHOOSE TO BE A FORCE FOR GOOD, YOU WILL NOT ONLY FIND MEANING, YOU WILL GIVE MEANING TO OTHERS.



I DON'T KNOW... BUT I FEEL LIKE YOU WILL...YOU'LL FIGURE IT OUT WHEN YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO.

Incoming transmission...



Hal Jordan has attacked the Hall of Order. Amanda Waller has dispatched countermeasures. She requests that I join them.



THEN YOU HAVE A CHOICE. TO BE A WEAPON OF WAR...OR A WEAPON OF GOODNESS...AND, JADESTONE...



...GOODNESS IS THE ONLY INVESTMENT THAT NEVER FAILS...





NATE, YOU CAN'T DO THIS... YOU NEED TO STOP!

NATE... NO... HE IS GONE. HE WAS WEAK. ONLY SORROW REMAINS.



SMASH!



NOW FEEL WHAT YOU HAVE DONE. FEEL THE PAIN OF LOSS. OF SADNESS.



THE SADNESS. THE ABSOLUTE SADNESS. IT'S OVERWHELMING.

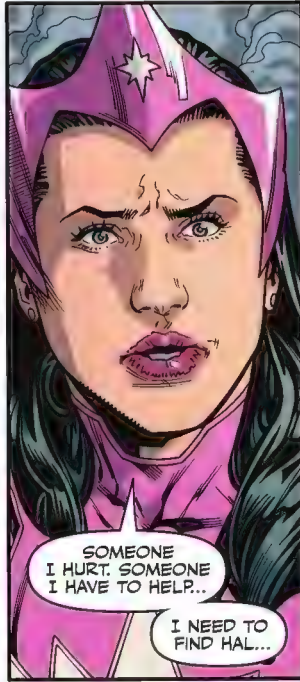
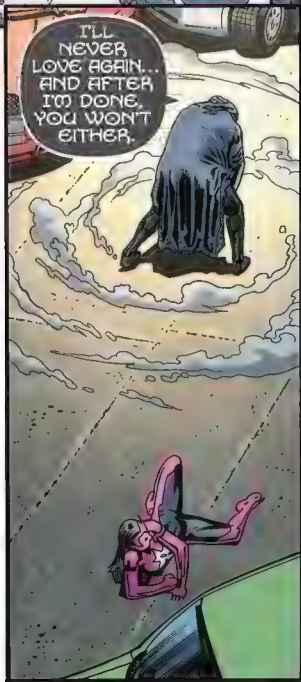
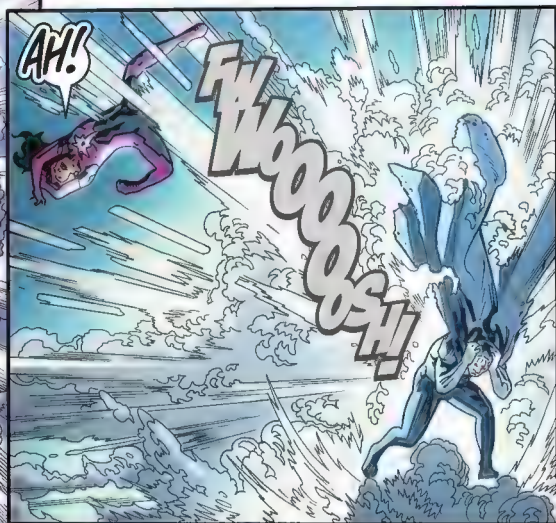
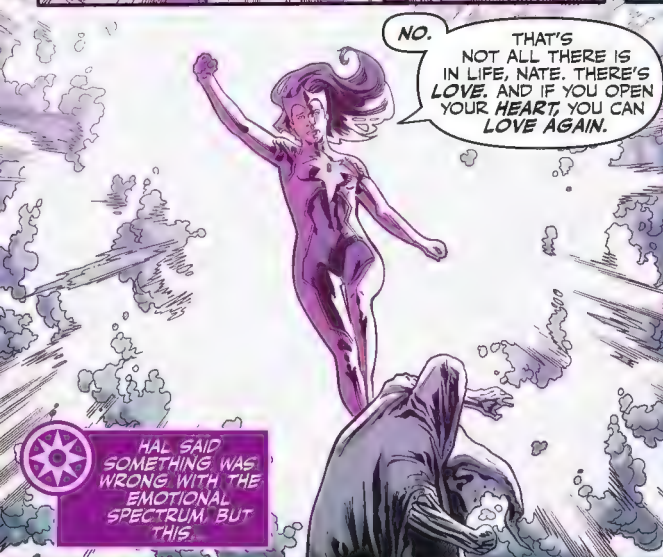
YES. IT WAS THAT **SADNESS** THAT CHANGED ME. WHEN YOU WENT BACK TO HIM... WENT BACK TO THE MAN THAT **LEAVES**.

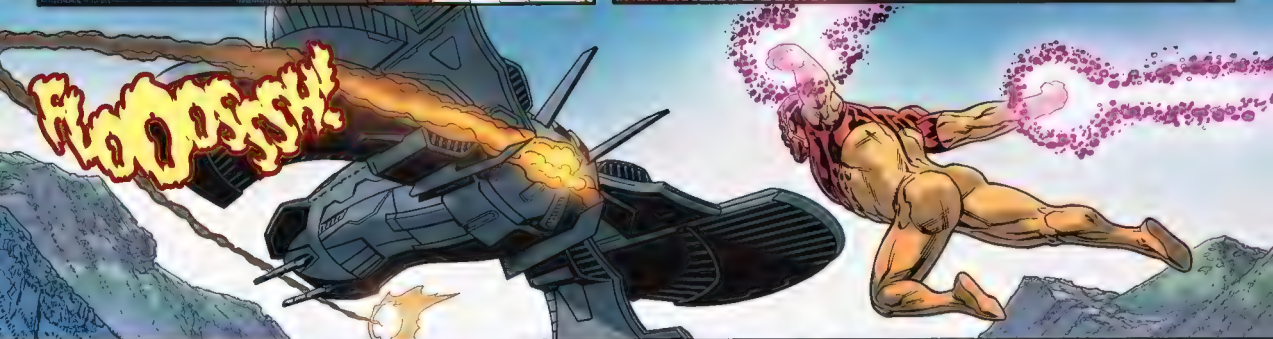
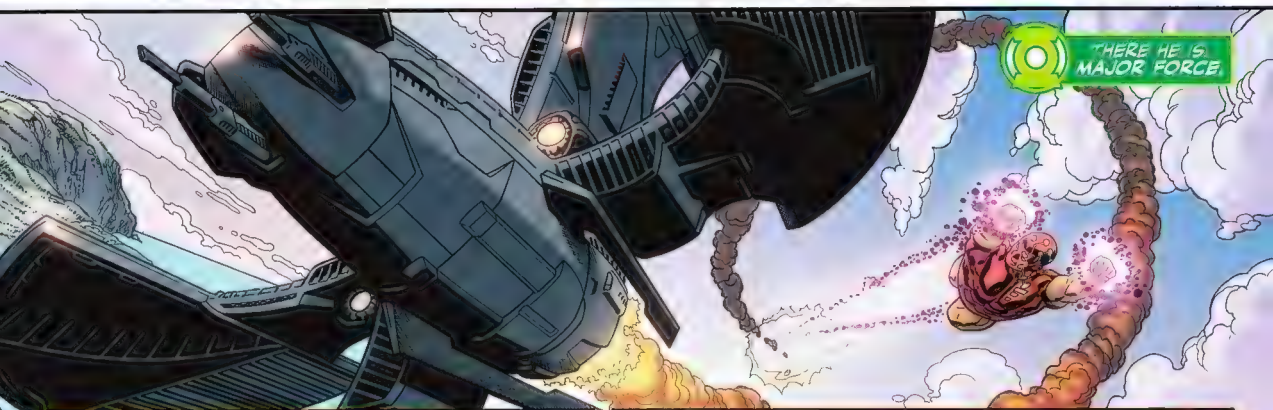


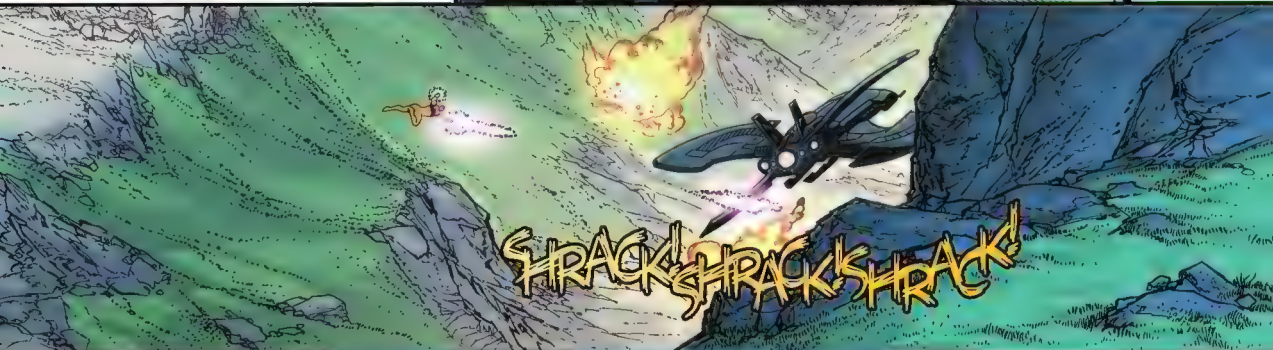
AFTER EVERYTHING HE'S DONE. AFTER ALL THE HEARTBREAK. ALL THE TEARS... AND YOU STILL WENT BACK TO HIM... **WHY?**



BECAUSE... BECAUSE...





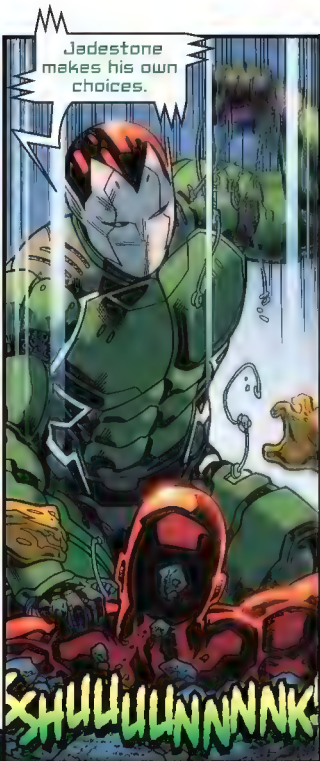






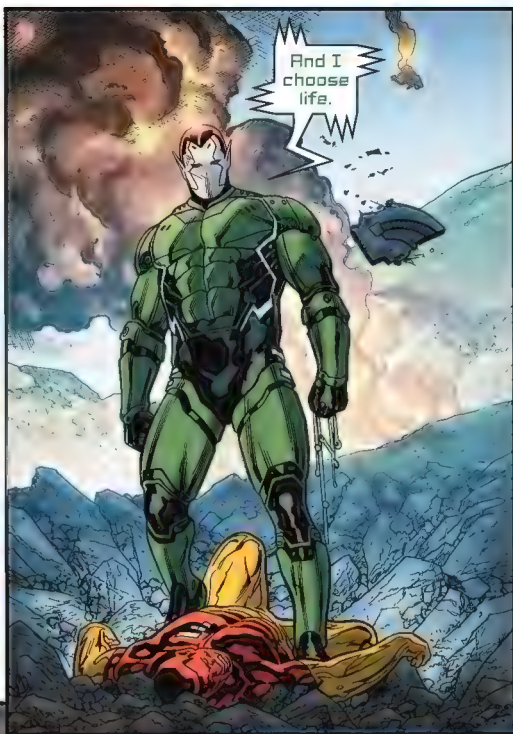
THE QUEEN DEMANDS HIS ELIMINATION!

I do not answer to the Queen. I no longer answer to anyone.



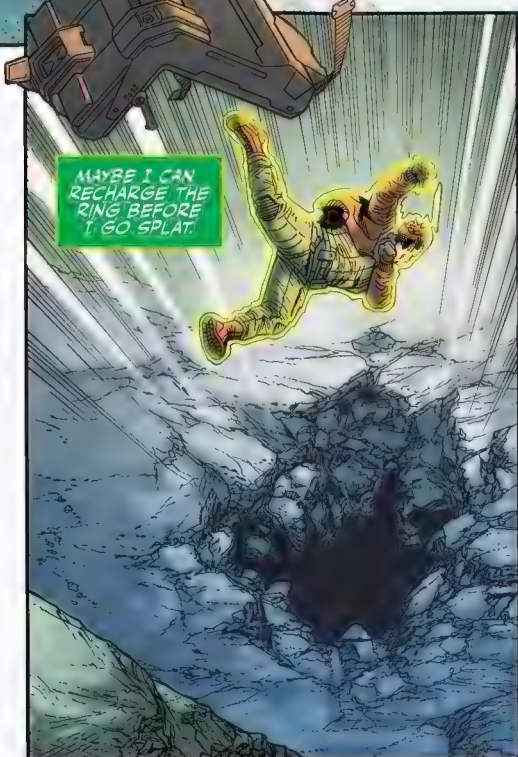
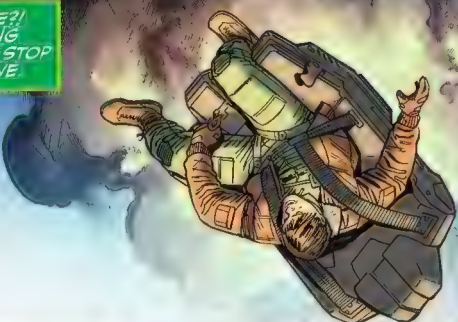
Jadestone makes his own choices.

SHUUUUUNNNK!



And I choose life.

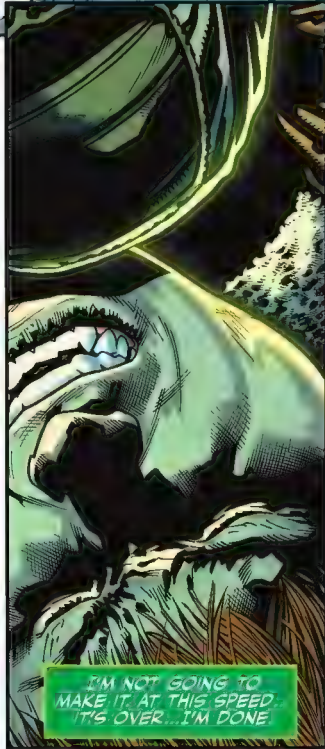
NO PARACHUTE?! NO PARACHUTE?! IS THAT BECAUSE I HAD MY RING BEFORE? MAYBE MY JACKET CAN STOP THE FALL. MAYBE I CAN SURVIVE.



MAYBE I CAN RECHARGE THE RING BEFORE I GO SPLAT.



IN BRIGHTEST DAY IN BLACKEST NIGHT NO EVIL SHALL ESCAPE MY SIGHT LET THOSE WHO WORSHIP EVIL'S MIGHT--



I'M NOT GOING TO MAKE IT. AT THIS SPEED IT'S OVER... I'M DONE.



I DIDN'T SPLAT
WHY DIDN'T I SPLAT?

Greetings, Hal Jordan.
I am called Jadestone.
I am here to help.



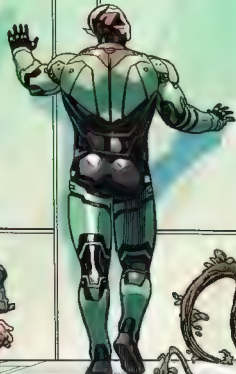
YEAH, WE'VE
MET...BUT LAST
TIME YOU WERE
TRYING TO KILL
ME.

I have changed my mind.
The Starheart that I absorbed
gave me a will of my own.

Your comrade Alan Scott presented
compelling reasons to follow my own
choices on who I was to be.
He said I would know when I found
my purpose...and he was right.

This place speaks to
me. It asks me to
become its protector
like a... Tom... was
before me.

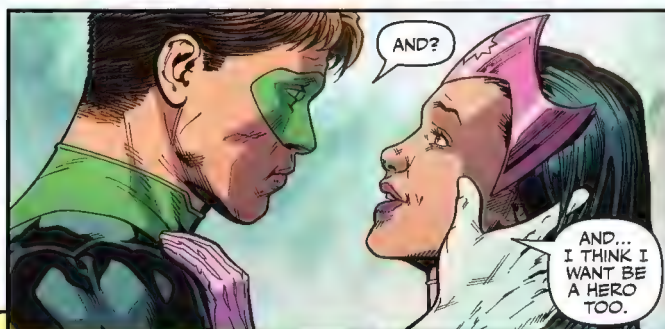
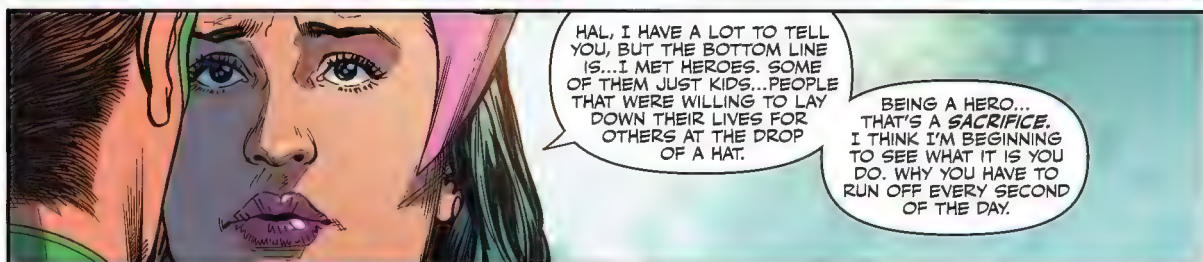
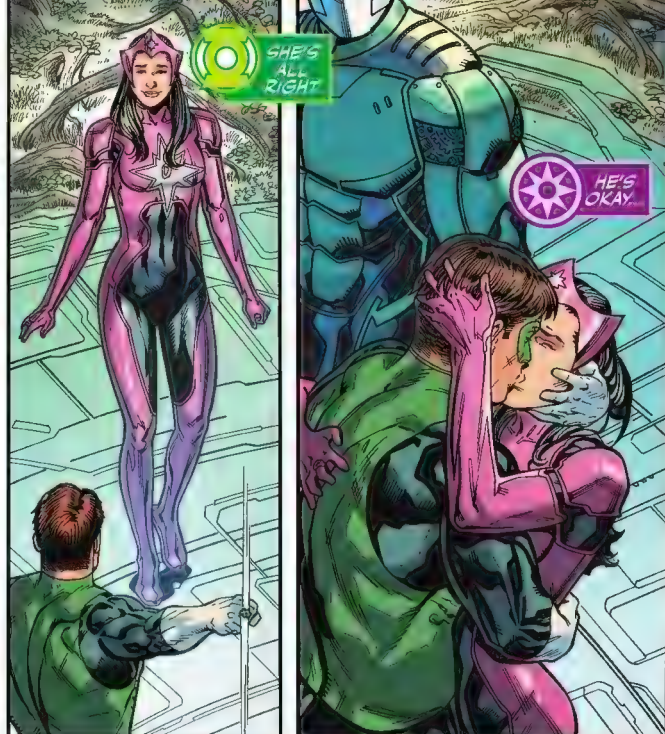
TOM KALMAKU?
MAYBE THIS THING
S THE BATTERY'S
NEW GUARDIAN?
UGH



OKAY, I HAVE
A LOT OF QUESTIONS,
BUT I DON'T HAVE TIME
TO ASK THEM RIGHT
NOW. I HAVE TO FIND
CAROL. I HAVE TO
MAKE SURE

HAL?





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METROPOLIS

ELLIE,
REMEMBER WHEN
WE WERE KIDS,
I ALWAYS WANTED
TO PLAY TRAINS
AND YOU DIDN'T
WANT TO?

UH-HUH.

WHAT DO
YOU SAY
NOW?

YOU
WERE RIGHT,
JOHN.

TRAINS
ARE FUN.

**GREEN LANTERN
WAR JOURNAL**
EPILOGUE: THE FAMILY BUSINESS

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YOU'RE PROVING YOURSELF A REAL ASSET, JOHN STEWART. I THOUGHT IT WAS GONNA TAKE A YEAR TO GET OUR SKYRAIL OFF THE GROUND.

I GUESS HAVING SOME SUPERPOWERS IN THE OFFICE BRINGS SOME ADVANTAGES. ELLIE AND I ARE HAPPY TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED.



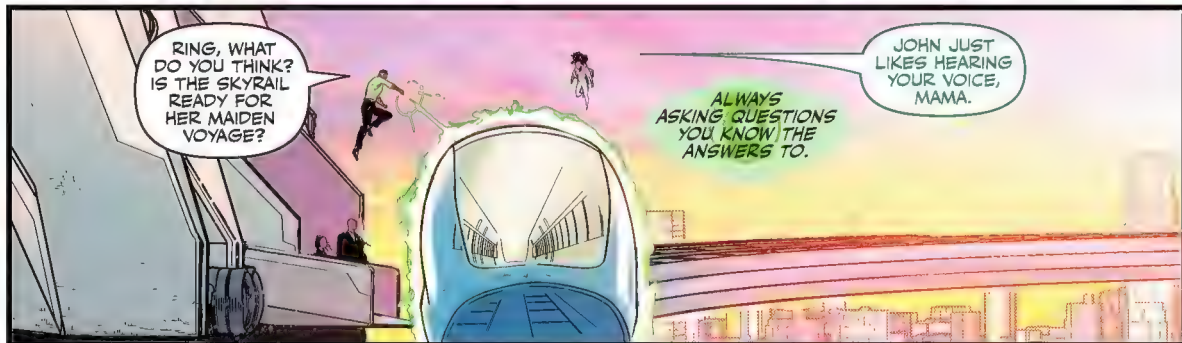
I DIDN'T HIRE YOU FOR YOUR POWERS. YOU'VE GOT A MIND FOR ARCHITECTURE AND ENGINEERING THAT STEELWORKS NEEDS.

YOUR COMBAT EXPERIENCE DOESN'T HURT, EITHER. PRACTICALLY FREE MASS TRANSIT WILL MAKE WAVES WITH THE RICH AND POWERFUL...WE NEED TO BE WATCHFUL.



THE TRAIN'S ALL DONE, MR. IRONS! CAN I TAKE IT DOWN THE TRACK A LITTLE?

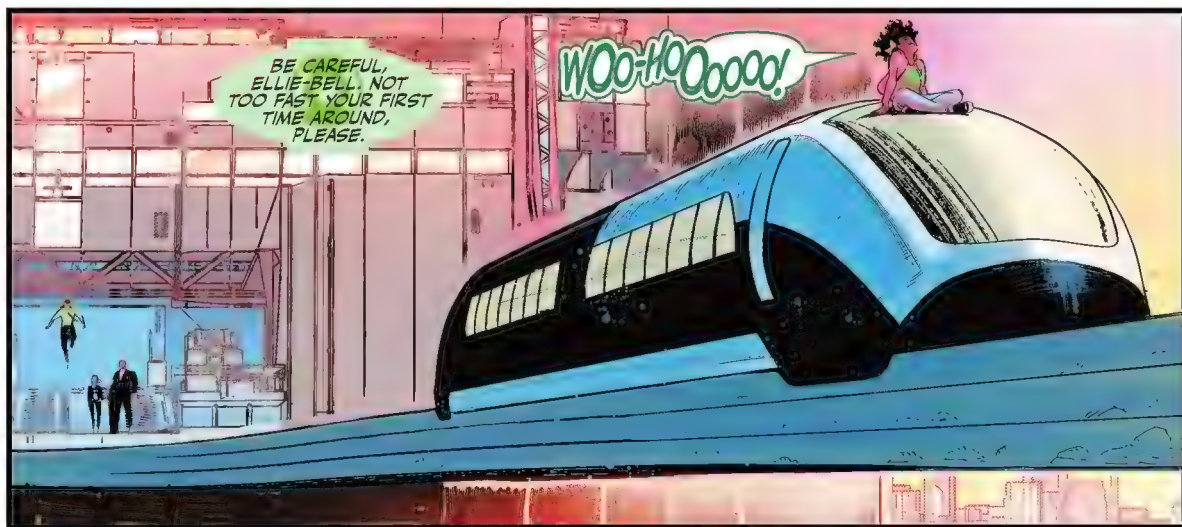
SURE, I THINK IT'S READY FOR A TEST RUN. ASSUMING YOUR, AH...BROTHER SAYS IT'S OKAY.



RING, WHAT DO YOU THINK? IS THE SKYRAIL READY FOR HER MAIDEN VOYAGE?

ALWAYS ASKING QUESTIONS YOU KNOW THE ANSWERS TO.

JOHN JUST LIKES HEARING YOUR VOICE, MAMA.



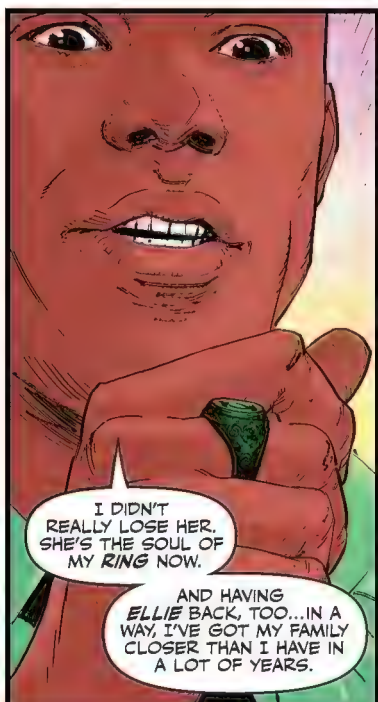
BE CAREFUL, ELLIE-BELL. NOT TOO FAST YOUR FIRST TIME AROUND, PLEASE.

WOO-HOOOOO!



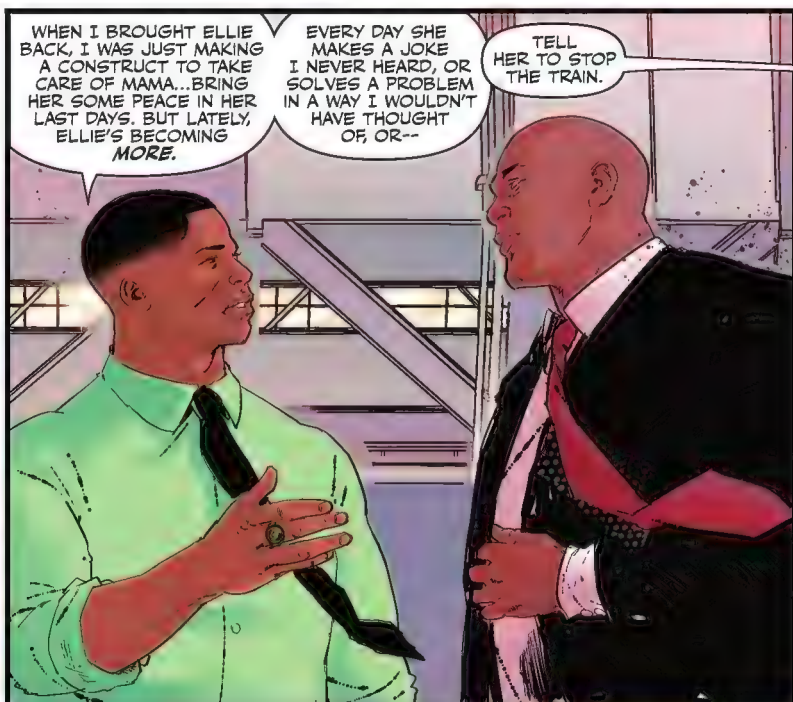
SEEING IDEAS
BECOME REALITY
IS PRETTY
GREAT, HUH?

I'M GLAD YOU
STAYED AT STEELWORKS.
I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN
THROUGH A LOT, LOSING
YOUR MOTHER.



I DIDN'T
REALLY LOSE HER.
SHE'S THE SOUL OF
MY RING NOW.

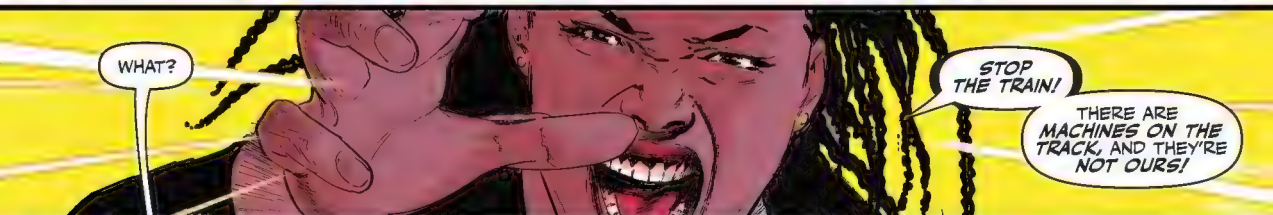
AND HAVING
ELLIE BACK, TOO...IN A
WAY, I'VE GOT MY FAMILY
CLOSER THAN I HAVE IN
A LOT OF YEARS.



WHEN I BROUGHT ELLIE
BACK, I WAS JUST MAKING
A CONSTRUCT TO TAKE
CARE OF MAMA...BRING
HER SOME PEACE IN HER
LAST DAYS. BUT LATELY,
ELLIE'S BECOMING
MORE.

EVERY DAY SHE
MAKES A JOKE
I NEVER HEARD, OR
SOLVES A PROBLEM
IN A WAY I WOULDN'T
HAVE THOUGHT
OF, OR--

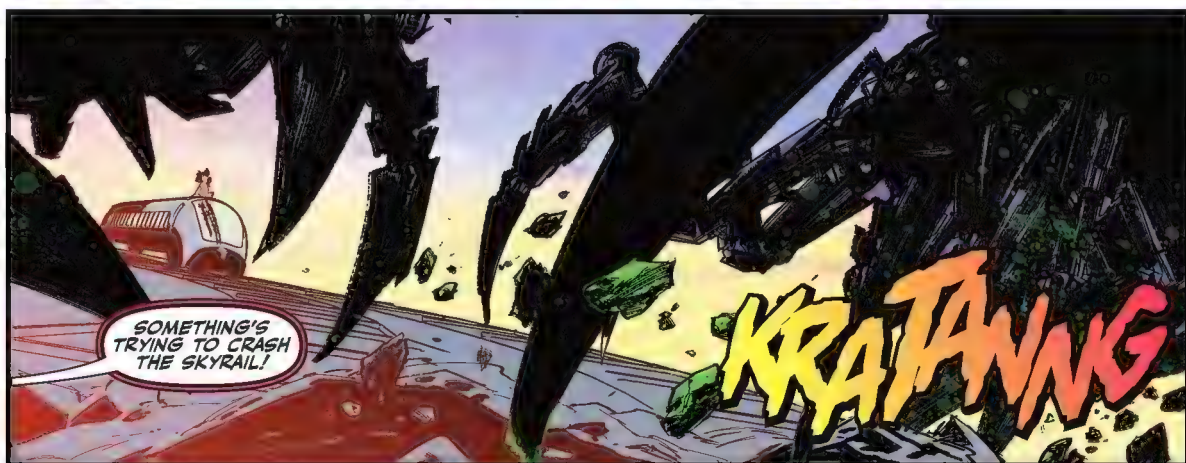
TELL
HER TO STOP
THE TRAIN.



WHAT?

STOP
THE TRAIN!

THERE ARE
MACHINES ON THE
TRACK, AND THEY'RE
NOT OURS!

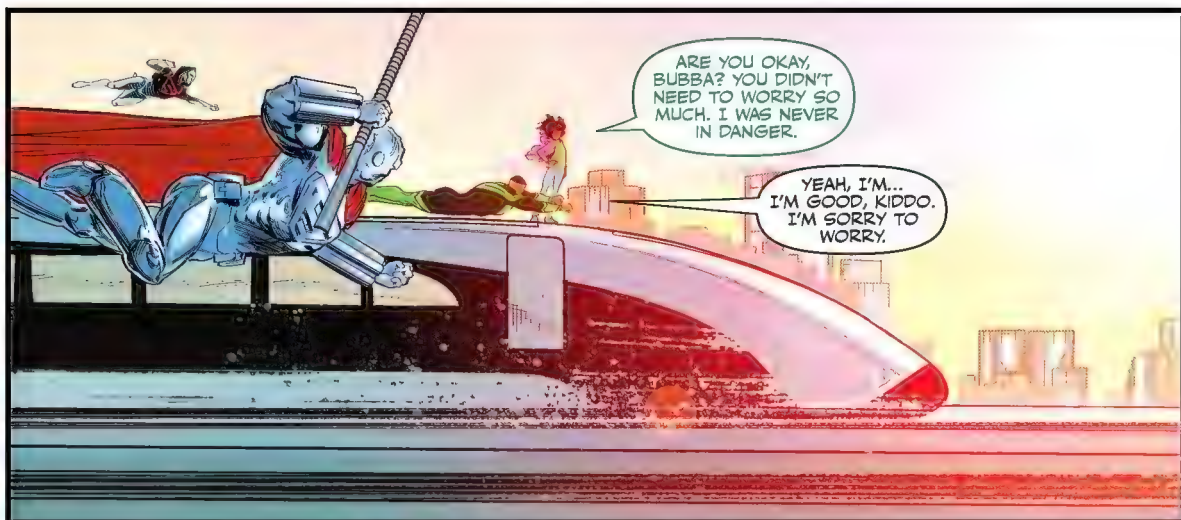


SOMETHING'S
TRYING TO CRASH
THE SKYRAIL!

KRATANK

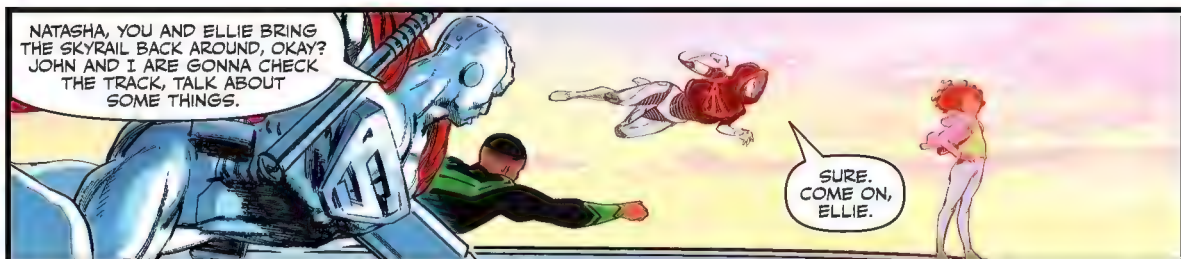






ARE YOU OKAY,
BUBBA? YOU DIDN'T
NEED TO WORRY SO
MUCH. I WAS NEVER
IN DANGER.

YEAH, I'M...
I'M GOOD, KIDDO.
I'M SORRY TO
WORRY.



NATASHA, YOU AND ELLIE BRING
THE SKYRAIL BACK AROUND, OKAY?
JOHN AND I ARE GONNA CHECK
THE TRACK, TALK ABOUT
SOME THINGS.

SURE.
COME ON,
ELLIE.



WOO-HOOOOO!
GOOD GUYS WIN!



YOU
OKAY?

STEEL,
HOW DO
YOU DO
THIS?

FIGHT
ALONGSIDE
YOUR OWN
FAMILY?

I BROUGHT
MY FAMILY BACK,
BUT...I NEVER HAD
TO FIGHT WITH
THEM LIKE THIS.

HAVING THEM
BACK...AND NOW
CARRYING THE
DARKSTAR RING, THE
BIGGEST TARGET ON
MY BACK I'VE EVER
HAD...ALL I CAN THINK
ABOUT IS LOSING
THEM AGAIN.





FIGHTING ALONGSIDE NATASHA IS HARD SOMETIMES. BUT IT HELPS TO KNOW I NEVER REALLY HAD ANY SAY IN IT.

NATASHA WOULD TELL YOU SHE LEARNED THE LIFE FROM ME. BUT SHE ALWAYS WOULD'VE FOUND HER WAY HERE. IT'S JUST IN HER.

WHEN NAT AND SUPERMAN CAME BACK FROM WARWORLD, THEY BROUGHT TWO REFUGEE KIDS WITH THEM. ONE HAD THE POWER OF AN OLD GOD INSIDE HIM.

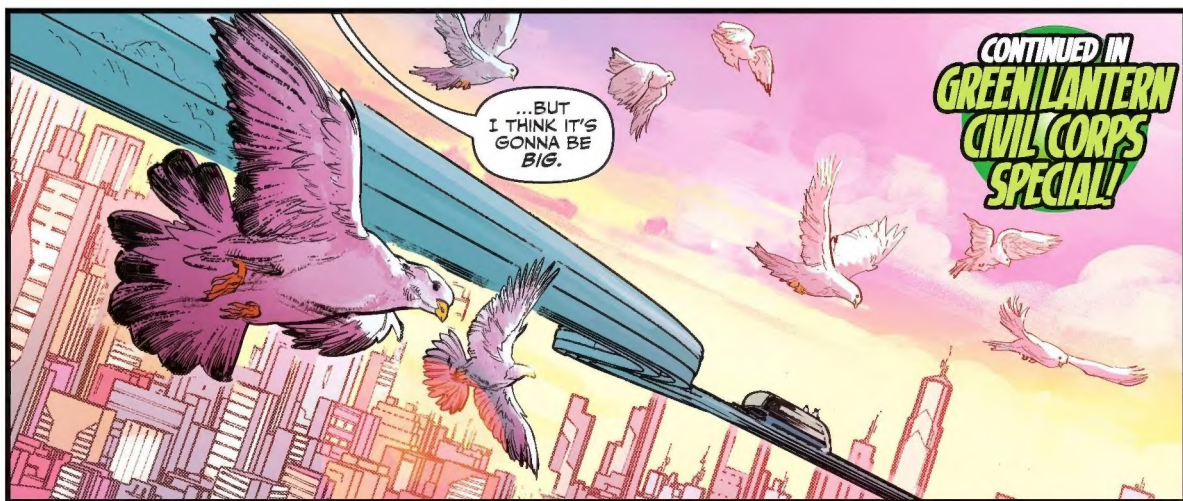


NOW YOU'RE BACK FROM DEEP SPACE, WEARING AN ANCIENT RING... WITH THE POWER OF AN OLD GOD INSIDE THAT.



I DON'T LOOK FOR SIGNS OR HIDDEN MEANING IN THINGS. BUT ONLY AN IDIOT WOULD IGNORE THE THINGS I'VE SEEN LATELY.

I CAN'T TELL YOU WHAT'S IN YOUR FUTURE, GREEN LANTERN...



...BUT I THINK IT'S GONNA BE BIG.

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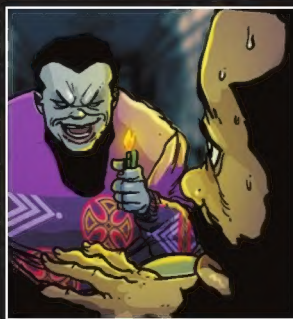
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JOKER THE WORLD

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